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SUBJECT: AD HOC GRAIN RESERVES MEETING, LONDON, FEBRURARY 10-11

REF: (A) STATE 279906; (B) EC BRUSSELS 10171

1. PIZUTTI HAS INFORMED US PROVISIONALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY OF THE COMMUNITY'S REACTION T THE US INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBJECT MEETING. THE MEMBER STATES IN A COREPER MEETING ON JANUARY 17 AGREED TO LET THE COMMISSION ATTEND THE LONDON MEETING AND REPRESENT THE EC AS PORTE-PAROLE, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

(A) THE COMMISSION CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENTS AND CANNOT ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS;

(B) THE COMMISSION ACCEPTS THE MEETINGS AS AN INFORMAL EFFORT TO CLARIFY SOME OF THE ELEMENTS AFFECTING THE EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS ON GRAIN RESERVES.

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(C) NEGOTIATIONS ON GRAIN RESERVES MUST TAKE PLACE IN

THE MTN'S.

2. PIZUTTI SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER ALL MEMBER STATES WILL BE PRESENT AS OBSERVERS AT THE LONDON MEETING. HE SAID THE COMMISSION IS NOWPREPARING AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO GIVE US SHORTLY.

3. PIZUTTI REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT FORWARD A LIST OF OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION. THE COMMISSION IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE USSR WILL BE PRESENT. HE ALSO ASKED THAT WE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THE DRAFT AGENDA AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION WHICH, ON THE BASIS OF THE REFTEL, WE HAD PROMISED TO THE COMMISSION IN OUR LETTER OF INVITATION.GREENWALD

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